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This email is a comment on the potential storage of nuclear waste at Yucca Mountain.

I am opposed to nuclear power, nuclear waste storage, and the use of nuclear waste in warfare. I am also and particularly opposed to the use of Yucca Mountain as a nuclear waste storage facility. The Claims Commission Settlement of Western Shoshone claims to their traditional lands is illegal. Western Shoshone have outstanding decisions with the UN and the OAS regarding US treatment of the Shoshone and violation of their rights to their homelands. The plan for storage of waste at Yucca Mountain has been developed against not only Western Shoshone opposition, but also opposition of the State of Nevada. In addition, it is ill-advised and promises to become a major environmental disaster because the US cannot guarantee the safety and security of waste at Yucca Mountain.

Most particularly, this Place is sacred, and the Western Shoshone recognize this in their traditional stories and ceremonies. Involved in this is the recognition of the power and spirit already in Place at Yucca Mountain, a Great Serpent who represents the primordial power of the Earth. At Yucca Mountain, one deals with a very great power in Place.

My academic specialty is Native American Sacred Lands and Places. If a case for Yucca Mountain were ever brought in any court of appeal, I would be more than willing to testify for the Western Shoshone that their religious rights have been abridged consistently by the United States in regard to their sacred Lands.]

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